## Office of Planning, Washington, DC 2010 Summer Internship Work Plan

**Area of Specialization:** Economic Development, Statistical Analysis

**Work Topic:** Supermarket Retail Analysis

**Deliverables:** Food retail sampling data; statistical analysis; GIS maps

**Application Submission Deadline:** Friday, April 2, 2010

**Dates of Internship:** May – August, 2010 (12 weeks)

Minimum Hours/Week: 20-30 hours/week

**Compensation:** This is an unpaid internship. OP is willing to host students

enrolled in a class for academic credit. Please provide required

documents for program

**Supervisor:** Chief of Staff

## **Work Description:**

The mission of the Office of Planning (OP) is to guide development of the District of Columbia, including the preservation and revitalization of our distinctive neighborhoods, by informing decisions, advancing strategic goals, encouraging the highest quality outcomes, and engaging all communities. In keeping with the mission, the Office of Planning is currently studying access to healthy food and facilities in the District, which is vital to the health and well-being of our residents.

Healthy by Design is a program that examines how planning and access affect the health of residents. The goal of the program is to better inform the planning process and, through better planning and design, improve health outcomes.

The project for a summer intern is part of a study of access to fresh food in the District. In order to provide a complete picture of how residents access fresh food, the Office of Planning needs an accurate listing of food retail establishments including supermarkets, corner stores, convenience stores, and specialty shops (i.e. bakeries, butchers and seafood shops). The goal of the project is to assemble and verify a list of fresh food retail establishments serving District residents.

There are three parts to this project:

- 1. Field work: Visit a random sample of food retail establishments and determine A) the type of store and B) if the store offers a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, dairy and/or bread. (Time required: 2 3 weeks)
- 2. Statistical analysis: Run a statistical analysis using standard software to evaluate the food retail establishments in the District. (Time required: 2 weeks)
- 3. Map the results: Map the results using GIS. (Time required: 2 weeks)

More information on OP's Healthy by Design program can be found here: www.planning.dc.gov

If you are interested in this internship experience, you must complete and submit a internship application no later than Friday, **April 2, 2010**. Resumes will not be accepted without a completed application. **PLEASE NOTE: Applications will not be accepted after Friday, April 2, 2010.** 

Application can be found at:

http://planning.dc.gov/planning/frames.asp?doc=/planning/lib/planning/internship/blankopinternapplication.pdf

Be sure to note on your application that you are interested in the: "Healthy by Design" Internship.